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DCA Programs



Are you doing great things for the environment? Do you participate in voluntary environmental events? Does your workplace go above and beyond regulatory requirements? If you answered yes, then [KY EXCEL](#) is a program for you.



The [Operator Certification Program](#) trains and certifies wastewater and drinking water system operators to ensure that these environmental professionals are qualified and prepared to properly treat and protect Kentucky's water resources.



The [Brownfield Program](#) helps communities and property owners identify meaningful solutions that encourage the cleanup and redevelopment of underused, contaminated properties.

Register now for Wastewater Compliance Monitoring Workshop

The Division of Compliance Assistance will offer a half-day Wastewater Compliance Monitoring Workshop to outline the compliance requirements contained in a KPDES permit. It will discuss monitoring, reporting, compliance evaluation and the enforcement process, and time will be spent covering the agency decisions documented in the Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMR) guidance manual prepared last year. Participants are encouraged to bring their current KPDES permit and Discharge Monitoring Reports for a one-on-one working session. The session will begin at 8 a.m. on Feb. 16, 2010, at the DEP Training Center located at 300 Fair Oaks Lane, Frankfort, Ky. Registration information and agenda can be found at www.dca.ky.gov.

Public Hearing Set for Wastewater Discharges

A public hearing regarding the proposed general permit for wastewater discharges associated with drinking water plant activities has been set for Feb. 15, 2010, at 6:30 p.m. The hearing will be held in Conference Room 301D, Department for Environmental Protection, 300 Fair Oaks Lane, Frankfort, KY 40601. Comments are due that day. For more information, visit <http://www.water.ky.gov/publicassistance/notices/January+2010.htm>.

EPA Issues Final Area Source Air Toxics Standard for Prepared Feeds Manufacturing

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) published a regulation to limit emissions from prepared feeds manufacturing facilities that are area sources of hazardous air pollutants. Affected sources are those that produce animal feed products (with the exception of dog and cat food) and use chromium or manganese compounds. The new rule calls for sources to use management practices where materials that contain chromium or manganese are stored, used or handled. Facilities above a certain size must also use controls to reduce emissions from pelleting and pellet cooling. The EPA has indicated that there are approximately 1,800 affected facilities, most of which already implement the mandated management practices, so they will not incur additional costs to comply with those provisions. The EPA estimates that the rule will result in emission decreases of 1,100 tons per year (tpy) of particulate matter, 100 tpy of PM_{2.5} and 20 tpy of manganese and chromium. For more information, please visit <http://www.epa.gov/ttn/atw/area/fr05ja10.pdf>.

EPA Announces Fourth Annual Rachel Carson Contest

The EPA invites the public to submit creative projects to the fourth annual



Environmental laws can often be confusing and challenging. The [Environmental Compliance Assistance Program](#) helps regulated entities understand and comply with environmental obligations, advocates for entities under represented in the regulatory process and facilitates moving beyond compliance to environmental leadership.

Rachel Carson intergenerational “Sense of Wonder” contest. The categories are poetry, photography, essays and dance. The contest seeks to instill a sense of wonder for the environment among all generations and spur environmental stewardship.

Entries must be from a team of two or more persons from both younger and older generations. EPA is working with the Liz Lerman Dance Exchange, the Rachel Carson Council Inc., and Generations United to sponsor this contest.

The deadline for team entries is June 16, 2010. The winners will be announced in October 2010. The public will have the opportunity to vote among the finalists for the winners in each category. For more information, go to <http://www.epa.gov/aging/resources/thesenseofwonder/index.htm>.

EPA Proposes Strengthening Smog Standard to Be Strictest to Date

The EPA proposed the strictest health standards to date for smog. The agency is proposing to set the primary standard, which protects public health, at a level between 0.060 and 0.070 parts per million (ppm) measured over eight hours. The EPA is also proposing to set a separate secondary standard to protect the environment, especially plants and trees.

The EPA will take public comment for 60 days after the proposed rule is published in the Federal Register. Three public hearings on the proposal will be held—Feb. 2, 2010, in Arlington, Va., and Houston, Tx.; and Feb. 4, 2010, in Sacramento, Calif. For more information, go to <http://www.epa.gov/groundlevelozone>.

EPA Announces Actions to Address Chemicals of Concern, Including Phthalates

As part of EPA Administrator Lisa P. Jackson’s commitment to strengthen and reform chemical management, the EPA announced a series of actions on four chemicals raising serious health or environmental concerns, including phthalates. For the first time, the EPA intends to establish a “Chemicals of Concern” list and is beginning a process that may lead to regulations requiring significant risk reduction measures to protect human health and the environment. The agency’s actions represent its determination to use its authority under the existing Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) to the fullest extent possible, recognizing the EPA’s strong belief that the 1976 law is both outdated and in need of reform.

In addition to phthalates, the chemicals EPA is addressing today are short-chain chlorinated paraffins, polybrominated diphenyl ethers (PBDEs) and perfluorinated chemicals, including perfluorooctanoic acid PFOA. These chemicals are used in the manufacture of a wide array of products and have raised a range of health and environmental concerns.

This is the first time the EPA has used TSCA’s authority to list chemicals that “may present an unreasonable risk of injury to health and the environment.” The decision to list the chemicals further signals this administration’s commitment to aggressively use the tools at its disposal under TSCA.

More information on the EPA’s legislative reform principles and a fact sheet on the complete set of actions on the four chemicals can be found at <http://www.epa.gov/oppt/existingchemicals>.

EPA Administrator Lisa P. Jackson Marks End of First Year with List of New Priorities

In a news release at the end of her first year as EPA administrator, Lisa P. Jackson looks ahead to the tasks at hand.

“In my First Day Memo, I outlined five priorities for my time as administrator,” said Jackson. “We have made enormous strides on all five, and our achievements reflect your hard work and dedication. By working with our senior policy team, listening to your input and learning from the experiences of the last 12 months, we have strengthened our focus and expanded the list of priorities. Listed below are seven key themes to focus the work of our agency.”

The list includes taking action on climate change, improving air quality, assuring the safety of chemicals, cleaning up communities, protecting waters, expanding the conversation on environmentalism and working for environmental justice, and building strong state and tribal partnerships.

To read the press release in its entirety, visit

<http://blog.epa.gov/administrator/2010/01/12/seven-priorities-for-epas-future/>.

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